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CARVALHO YEO

MR. POTTER'S STATEMENT IN CHEQUES CASE

HONG KONG BANK'S DEFENCE

Precautions taken in the Treasury against fraud were outlined to-day in the "Attorney General of Hong Kong v. the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation" suit for \$260,407.98 before his Honour the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Golian, C.B.E., K.C.).

Counsel in the case are:

For plaintiff: Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., and Mr. H. G. Sheldon (instructed by Mr. T. M. Hazlerigg, M.C., Treasury Solicitor).

For defendants: Mr. F. C. Jenkins (instructed by Messrs. Johnson, Stokes & Master).

The special jury comprises Messrs.: H. A. Lammet (Foreman), G. F. Haslam, S. M. Churn, B. Wong, Tape, C. L. C. Sandes, Wong Kwong-tin, R. M. Dyer.

Precautions Taken

Mr. Potter continued his opening address begun yesterday. Apart from their legal duty, he said, the Treasury took every precaution. Competent officers are employed. Trusted subordinates have earned the trust of the Hon. Mr. C. M. Messer, O.B.E. (Colonial Treasurer) in his many years of experience—until the arrival of Carvalho Yeo, he was the one black sheep in the fold, Mr. Potter added.

It will be recalled that the Government alleges that the Bank wrongfully debited its account with three cheques totalling the amount claimed also that the cheques are forgeries. The Bank denies the cheques are forgeries and in the statement of defence, alleges negligence on the part of the Government. Carvalho Yeo is serving ten years' hard labour for converting the alleged forged cheques.

No Irregular Conduct

One is perfectly entitled to leave one's cheque book in a safe, even with the door open, said Mr. Potter, in dealing with the procedure at the Treasury. And, at the Treasury, by no possibility, he stated, could a stranger have access to the office or steal cheques from the cheque book at the Treasury.

Tsang On-wing, the cheque book clerk, said Mr. Potter, has 18 years' unblemished service to his credit and several of these years were served in the capacity of cheque book clerk at the Treasury.

Literally, there is no evidence at all of irregular conduct at the Treasury, Mr. Potter submitted.

No customer contracts with a bank to take the precautions which the Hong Kong Bank alleges the Treasury should have exercised, Mr. Potter continued. Nor is it incumbent to warn the Bank, there being no duty upon the individual to do so. If there is that duty imposed on a customer, it is of no use his saying that he did not know. The customer will be placed in an extraordinarily difficult position by a bank saying that he ought to have known.

Asking for Trouble

Reverting to the statement of defence, Mr. Potter explained that the Bank alleges that before or on Dec. 22 it was discovered by the Government that the printing on the cover of a cheque book had been "wrongly and fraudulently" altered; and that, 30 blank cheques, with counterfoils, had been "wrongly and fraudulently" extracted.

If Tsang On-wing did realise on Dec. 22 that 30 cheques had been fraudulently extracted, asked Mr. Potter, what possible object could he have in concealing the fact from his superiors? He would know that he would be the first man examined. If he reported he would incur no blame. If he kept it back, he would be asking for trouble.

Utterly to Annihilate

"If Tsang On-wing had been in the conspiracy," Mr. Potter added, "the first things he would have done would have been utterly to annihilate the cheque book covers which were found on Jan. 18, after a search in the office following the discovery of the three disputed cheques."

"He may be a bit of a fool but he is not a knave," Mr. Potter said in referring to Tsang On-wing.

But even if the Bank's allegations were true, that does not affect the Government's position, Mr. Potter submitted, adding that this is a point of law which his Lordship will have to decide outside of the matters of fact before the jury.

The case is continuing.

DISARMAMENT THE AMERICAN AND BRITISH VIEWS

LITVINOFF PESSIMISTIC

Geneva, Yesterday. Mr. Hugh Gibson, United States delegate, in a speech before the Preparatory Disarmament Committee maintained the previous American stand-point that the simplest, fairest, and most practical method of naval limitation was by tonnage and by categories.

However, as some other delegations did not agree to America's modified thesis, the United States, in the hope of facilitating a general agreement was disposed to accept the French proposal as the basis of discussion, on the understanding that all quantitative tonnages and re-adjustment of tonnages, as among various categories, would be reserved for discussion at the Final Conference.

Meantime the United States was prepared to give full and friendly consideration to supplementary methods of limitation, realising that the "essential" thing is the achievement of substantial results, and that methods are of secondary importance."

Attitude Must Change

Mr. Gibson added that he felt that effective limitation was impossible unless all classes of war vessels were included, moreover, genuine disarmament would only follow a changed attitude towards the use of force in settlement of disputes. Hence he appealed to delegates to examine the whole problem afresh, and seek that confidence which would enable them to dispense with armaments that had hitherto seemed so essential.

He was authorised to state that the United States were willing to agree to any reduction of naval tonnage, however drastic, which left no type of war vessel unrestricted.

Lord Cushenden's Reply

Lord Cushenden, in reply, said he was struck with Mr. Gibson's friendly, conciliatory, and helpful spirit. Britain would endeavour to meet him in exactly the same spirit. He considered Mr. Gibson's statement to be important, and it would affect the whole work of the Committee.

Britain absolutely agreed with him on the point of reduction of armaments.

The French thesis mentioned embodied a speech by M. Paul Boncour at the last session of the committee urging greater elasticity in the distribution of tonnage.

Mr. Gibson's and Lord Cushenden's sentiments were cordially endorsed by Viscount Sato (Japan), M. Massigli (France), Signor De Marinis (Italy), and Mr. Riddell (Canada).

Viscount Sato said that the Japanese Government was studying the division of Naval armaments into categories and he hoped to submit proposals later. M. Massigli declared that France was ready to examine the new American proposals in a spirit of compromise and conciliation.

M. Litvinoff stated that Mr. Gibson had gratifyingly enumerated some of the Soviet principles, but his pessimism would not change unless the Committee's work followed concrete proposals.

The Chairman, Herr Loudon, in winding up the discussions, was of opinion that the important declarations of to-day would impart fresh energy to the work of the Committee.—Reuter.

A Tremendous Stir

Washington, Yesterday. The attitude of the other big naval powers, especially Great Britain, towards Mr. Gibson's proposals at Geneva is eagerly awaited. The boldness of Mr. Gibson's speech caused a tremendous stir throughout the country and political wiseacres are predicting that Pres. Hoover, with his unrivaled first hand acquaintance of Europe's problems, intends to pursue towards Europe a policy of "Veiled Wilsonism" and the most friendly co-operation.

Senator Borah describes Mr. Gibson's speech as excellent. Further Details

London, Yesterday. Before the Preparatory Committee on Disarmament at Geneva replying to the statement made by Mr. Hugh Gibson, the United States delegate, Lord Cushenden, the British delegate, said that while it was impossible to deal adequately at this moment with the declaration that the Government had already shown a

HONG KONG'S "MUI TSAI" PROBLEM

MORE QUESTIONS

OFFICIAL STATEMENT MADE IN HOUSE OF COMMONS

RECENT NEGOTIATIONS

London, Yesterday.

In the House of Commons, at question time, Mr. Ormsby Gore, (Under-Secretary for the Colonies) said that Mr. Amery, (Dominion's Secretary) had received a despatch from the Governor of Hong Kong with regard to child adoption. Mr. Amery was asking the Governor for further information and when this was received the papers would be submitted to the House.

Replying to Col. Harry Day (Labour) Mr. Ormsby Gore said that Mr. Amery, in concert with the Governor of Hong Kong, was considering means to prevent evasion of the law against child adoption. The question was very difficult when a large number of Chinese subjects were coming to Hong Kong from other provinces with a pronounced desire for "mui tsai" among them.—Reuter.

MOTOR RECORDS

CAMPBELL ABANDONS THE MILE ATTEMPT

NEW PLANS

Verneux Pan, Yesterday. Captain Malcolm Campbell has abandoned his intention of attempting the mile record, but will endeavour to establish 1.5, and 10 kilometre records, probably simultaneously.—Reuter.

that he would make one or two observations upon it without delay.

Friendly, Conciliatory & Helpful

No-one could fail to have been struck with the friendly, conciliatory and helpful spirit of the declaration, and he would say it was in that spirit the British Government also desired to approach this very complicated and difficult question. He could not commit himself at present to any specific proposition contained in Mr. Gibson's declaration but, as far as any general principle was concerned, there was nothing Mr. Gibson had said with which he could not express agreement.

To Remotest Corners

Meantime, I hope this Message may reach all those, even in the remotest corners of the world, from whom I have received words of sympathy and goodwill.

World Peace

I long to believe it possible that experiences such as mine may soon appear no longer exceptional; when the national anxieties of all the peoples of the world shall be felt as a common source of human sympathy and a common claim on human friendship. I am not yet able to bear the strain of public ceremony, but I look forward to some appointed day joining with my people at home and Overseas in thanking God not merely for my own recovery but for the new evidences of growing kindness, significant of the true nature of men and nations.

London, Yesterday.

The two chief items in to-day's news brightened the prospects of an eventual real world peace. The King's Message (synchronising with Saint George's Day) is warmly appreciated by the newspapers which pay a tribute to the eloquent passage concerning the "True nature of men and nations."

Mr. Gibson's dramatic offer at Geneva is cordially welcomed as a sequel which should constitute an excellent test of this "true nature."—Reuter.

KING'S MESSAGE TO HIS PEOPLE

"LOOKING BACK"

HEART FULL OF THANKFULNESS FOR RECOVERY

WORLD-WIDE SYMPATHY

London, Yesterday.

His Majesty, the King in his Message to the Nation says:

Looking back upon my long illness and recovery, my heart is full of thankfulness of a far deeper origin than the mere sense of relief. I have been brought from the danger and weariness of the past months by the wonderful skill of my doctors, surgeons and nurses. Help has come from another source of strength, as month after month I have learned of the resumption of diplomatic relations but upon the granting of extensive new credits to Russia. Thus no satisfaction had been offered for the abuses of which the British Government complain while a demand had been made for revival and extension of the financial provision of 1924, the dr. t treaty of which the British Government had declared to be unacceptable. If the Soviets ever desire to make definite proposals there are sources through which it can be accomplished. Meantime trading facilities have not been interrupted and the Soviet Government has placed orders in Britain though not to the extent of the amount of the credit opened to them by the British purchases in Russia.—Reuter.

"Prayers And Good Wishes"

I am able to picture to myself the crowds of friends waiting and watching at my gates and think still of the greater number of those who throughout the Empire are remembering me with prayers and good wishes. Realisation of this has been among the most vivid experiences of my life. It has been an encouragement beyond description to feel that my constant and earnest desire has been granted—the desire to gain the confidence and affection of my people. My thoughts have carried me even further. I cannot dwell upon the generous sympathy shown to me by unknown friends of many other countries without a new and moving hope.

His Majesty's Hope

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London, Yesterday.

The shallow draft tug 'Chuchow,' manned by Lt.-P. Skipwith and men from H.M.S. 'Widgeon,' reached Hanshaw, a port on the Yuan River, below the objective, Changteh, and could not proceed higher up the Yuan (a tributary of the Yangtze) owing to low water.

"A telegram received at Changsha on April 21 stated that Mr. Gabb of the A.P.C., Rose, Tootel, Czernetzki, Pelling and Miss Jacobson have been taken on board the 'Chuchow,' which sailed for Changsha on April 22.

"News from an American missionary at Changteh, where there has been fighting and robbery and injury to foreigners, is that the position there has improved."

Upper Yangtze War Ends

Other R.N. news from Upper Yangtze River ports, where the pro-Nanking forces have been pursuing the pro-Kwangsi remnants, is as follows:

"Strict martial law is in force at Shasi (287 miles above Hankow) but the place is quiet and a cessation of hostilities at the port is reported. Strict martial law also prevails at Ichang (83 miles above Shasi) but, otherwise, Ichang is quiet."

KELLOGG PACT

FORMALLY RATIFIED BY FRANCE

JAPAN LAGS BEHIND

Washington, Yesterday. The French Ambassador has handed the United States' Government the French ratification of the Kellogg Pact and has also exchanged ratifications on the Franco-American Arbitration Treaty, signed last year.

The treaty of renunciation of war now only lacks the Japanese ratification to make it effective.—Reuter's American Service.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR

The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 1/11 9/16.

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BRITAIN AND TRADE WITH RUSSIA

FRESH SETTLEMENT

SIR A. CHAMBERLAIN ON THE ORDERS OF £150,000,000

WHAT THE SOVIET WANT

London, Yesterday.

M. Piatakov's estimate of £150,000,000 worth of orders to Great Britain was the subject of questions in the House of Commons.

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Thrilling Escapes

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Lectures of Travel

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SHIPPING OUTLOOK

COMMENT FROM THE
"SYREN"

When a vessel is making for home in misty weather, with the outlook consequently obscured, the eyes of all on board are naturally strained to catch the first glint of land in the hope that will signalise the approaching end of a tedious and difficult spell of navigation. Some fancy they discern it when no land is there—the desire to see it produces a picture which exists only in the imagination. Similarly, in times of long-drawn-out depression in industry those most nearly concerned are constantly on the watch to discern the first movement towards a lifting of the fog; and some, likewise, have metaphorically cried out "Land in sight!" when it has only been a mirage. It is a curious fact that in recent times there has been in the closing months of each year a sudden spurt in trade, and this had led many to conclude that the way was clear and to indulge in optimistic prophecies as to what was going to happen in the near future. Unfortunately, these cheerful forecasts have not so far been realised, but at last there seems to be some solid ground for believing that the tide has definitely turned and will now begin to speed our progress instead of retarding it, as it has done for these seven or eight weary years. The courage and endurance shown by all connected with the shipping industry during this long testing period

thus far satisfactory at least until Easter. Prices have in consequence advanced to the highest level for 12 months and the output in a recent year amounted to 95,000 tons, being the first time in 18 months that figure has been reached. With regard to the iron and steel industry, there are also welcome signs of revival. It is true that the production of steel for 1928 shows a falling off of 6.3 per cent. from the figures for 1927, but the output during the latter year was affected in the earlier months by arrears of work, due to the stoppage in 1926. In point of fact the production in the later months of 1928 showed an encouraging increase over the corresponding period for 1927, and the improvement is likely to be maintained in regard to both structural and shipbuilding steel. Sheffield steel also shows expansion, but in none of these cases can the increased yet to be translated into statistics for 1929. With regard to the textile industry, our official representatives in both India and China report improved prospects. Our trade with the Far East in recent years has suffered grievous loss which has fallen upon both Lancashire and the shipping companies. Now, however, thanks to the Anglo-Chinese Tariff Treaty concluded in December last, and the formal recognition of the Nanking Government by our own, the way would seem to be open to a great revival of activity, especially as there now exists in China a more friendly attitude towards Britain and British trade than has been the case for many years.

Optimism justified
Looking at things all round, there

JAPAN TO PROTEST

SHELLING OF S.S. "BAIRYO
MARU"

UPPER YANGTZE CLASH

Shanghai, Yesterday.
Later reports of the casualties on the N.Y.K. steamer "Bairyo Maru," which was bombarded with guns and rifle fire a few miles below Ichang, whilst on her maiden voyage to Chungking, state that Sub-Lieut. Toyoda and one Chinese were killed, the Chief Engineer died of wounds and six of seven, including five Japanese, were wounded.—Reuter.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS

The P. & O. s.s. "Khiva" from Hong Kong arrived London on April 20 9 a.m. and s.s. "Khyber" from Hong Kong arrived Marseilles on April 20 at 1:30 p.m.
The P. & O. s.s. "Alipore" left Shanghai for this port on April 21 at 7:30 a.m. and is due here on April 24 at about 6 p.m.
The E.I. s.s. "Thawa" will leave Amoy for this port on April 24 p.m. and is due here on April 25 p.m.
The P. & O. s.s. "Talamba" left Singapore for this port on April 21 p.m. and is due here on April 28 a.m.
The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" left Vancouver for Hong Kong, via Japan, Korea and Shanghai, on April 20 and is due here on May 3. She will sail for Manilla at 6 p.m. the same day.

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| | | July 10 | July 13 | July 16 | July 21 |
| | | July 31 | Aug. 3 | Aug. 6 | Aug. 17 |
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| TILAWA | 10,006 | 27th June | Singapore, Penang & Calcutta. |
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| TALIMA | 10,000 | 7th May | Amoy, Moji, Kobe, Y'hama & Osaka. |
| TANDA | 6,955 | 7th May | Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama. |
| DELTA | 8,097 | 10th May | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama. |
| *ROSSINGTON COURT | — | 14th May | Moji, Kobe & Osaka. |
| RAJPUTANA | 16,558 | 22nd May | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama. |
| TILAWA | 10,006 | 24th June | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka. |
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HATCH COVERS

SHOULD THEY BE OF WOOD OR STEEL?

EXPERT VIEWS

There has been a rerudescence of correspondence in some of the shipping papers in connection with the subject of hatch covers. Mr. A. C. Hardy, B.Sc., A.M. Inst. N.A., an acknowledged expert in ship construction, contributes a very interesting article to "The Journal of Commerce" on the subject. He says that lots of people have had things to say about wooden covers, many have good ideas for patent hatches, but the fact remains that with few exceptions, shipowners seem prefer to stick to the old style of hatches. The British shipowner, all said and done, leads the world in keeping up to date in modern developments as regards hatch construction. He has the advice of experts in the form of his superintendents when new ships are under construction. As we look at it, therefore, there seems to be some good reason for the old wooden hatch cover being retained. This type of hatch covering is expensive in more ways than one. We noticed a letter from an ex-Superintendent some time ago in the Press, in which he set out to prove by figures the enormous loss in time—and consequently money—which was suffered by the ordinary cargo steamer in the course of a year due to the handling of wooden hatch covers. His figures were certainly very formidable and were warranted to make the most sceptical think. Then there are the expensive tarpaulins, to say nothing of beams, wedges, battens, etc. Mr. Hardy says that the alternative is a steel cover. The objection to the steel cover is that it is heavy, that it requires powerful winches to lift it and that when the cover is raised it obstructs the view of the men working the winches. Perhaps the most classic examples, he says, of big steel hatch covers are to be found on the big 20,000 ton d.w.r. ore carriers "Svealand" and "Amerikaland," which runs between Sparrows Point, Maryland, and Cruz Grande, Chile. The big hatch covers to their ore holds are of steel and steel construction, and are circular, with a common centre hole. These open upwards and provide facility for operation of grab buckets, for rapid unloading at the terminals. These covers—heavy and of steel though they are—are lifted by ordinary hemp tackle with the aid of electric winches, one winch for each pair of hatches. All the covers can be raised in about ten minutes. There is no encumbrance of hatch beams or covers on the deck, the hatch covers are clear of the hold entrance and out of everyone's way until cargo handling is completed. A few minutes and a little careful operation allow them to be lowered into position again. Watertightness is obtained by clamping down on thick rubber pads about 1½-in. wide and 1½-in. thick round the edge of the hatch cover. Dots fitting into cleats on the hatch make it possible to screw the covers down tightly. With the strength of the steel cover there is no danger of hatches being stove in by heavy seas, however severe the pounding. With the tightness round the edges there is no possibility of cargo damage of any kind. Such hatches are criticised for application to cargo vessels carrying case, package, or grain cargo, on the grounds that they are too cumbersome. There is a certain justification for the criticism, as has been mentioned, on the grounds that the upstanding height of the open hatch covers would interfere with the ordinary derricks and winches. On the other hand, it is possible, with modern practice, to consider arrangements of derricks and winches. Certain lumber carriers on the Pacific North-West Coast, for instance, and a number of modern cargo ships with electric winches, have their derricks and winches raised, the space under the winch platforms being enclosed to form housings for the electrical resistance and controllers, and electrical gear from many a swamping at port a better view over the hatchways.

"According to information from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of War, foreign vessels entering and leaving Woosung frequently have ignored the signals and warnings of the Woosung Forts. The Royal Artillery, who are in command of the Woosung Forts, have not been able to order foreign vessels to submit themselves to search by the Chinese authorities.

"Upon receipt of this reply, I at once conveyed its contents to the Shanghai and Woosung Gendarmerie Commissioner and the commanding officer at the Woosung Forts and I have now received a further letter from the latter officer in which he says:—

"As a result of the unequal treaties, foreign vessels have been allowed to steam into the inland rivers of China. At the present time military operations have been discontinued and law-breakers and civil characters have not been suppressed. Special precautions, therefore, have to be taken by us in such matters. Woosung is the gateway to the capital and law-breakers and arms and opium smugglers have constantly come to Shanghai in foreign vessels. For this reason, we are enforcing the regulations governing the search of incoming and outgoing vessels.

"According to the Senior Consul's reply, the Consular Body does not agree to permit Customs officers and Chinese authorities to search foreign vessels entering port on certain reasonable grounds, such as port conditions at present, and military operations in progress."

"We all know that our revolutionaries captured Kiangsi and Chekiang in 1927. The Consular Body's refusal to co-operate with us in permitting the search of foreign vessels is unreasonable.

"In order, therefore, that special precautions may be taken to suppress evil characters and uphold the dignity of the Woosung Forts, you are requested to notify the Consular Body that hereafter and until further notice, all vessels, foreign and Chinese, entering and leaving port, passing the Woosung Forts, must stop to obey the orders of those at the Forts and submit to search."

"I also have received a letter from the Gendarmerie Commissioner (concerning the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs) in which he says that he cannot agree with your statements and asks me to lodge a strong protest.

In view of the strategic importance of the Woosung Forts, of the activities of law-breakers and of prevailing rumours, I consider that the search of vessels entering and leaving port both useful and beneficial and have to notify you that all vessels, foreign and Chinese, must submit to search."

You are, therefore, requested to bring this matter up before your colleagues and notify me accordingly."

WOOSUNG FORTS

THE DEMAND TO SEARCH FOREIGN VESSELS

SHANGHAI CONSUL'S PROTEST

The alleged practice of foreign vessels ignoring the warnings and signals of the Woosung Forts and entering and leaving port has resulted in a Note being addressed by the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs to the Senior Consul, in which the former states:—

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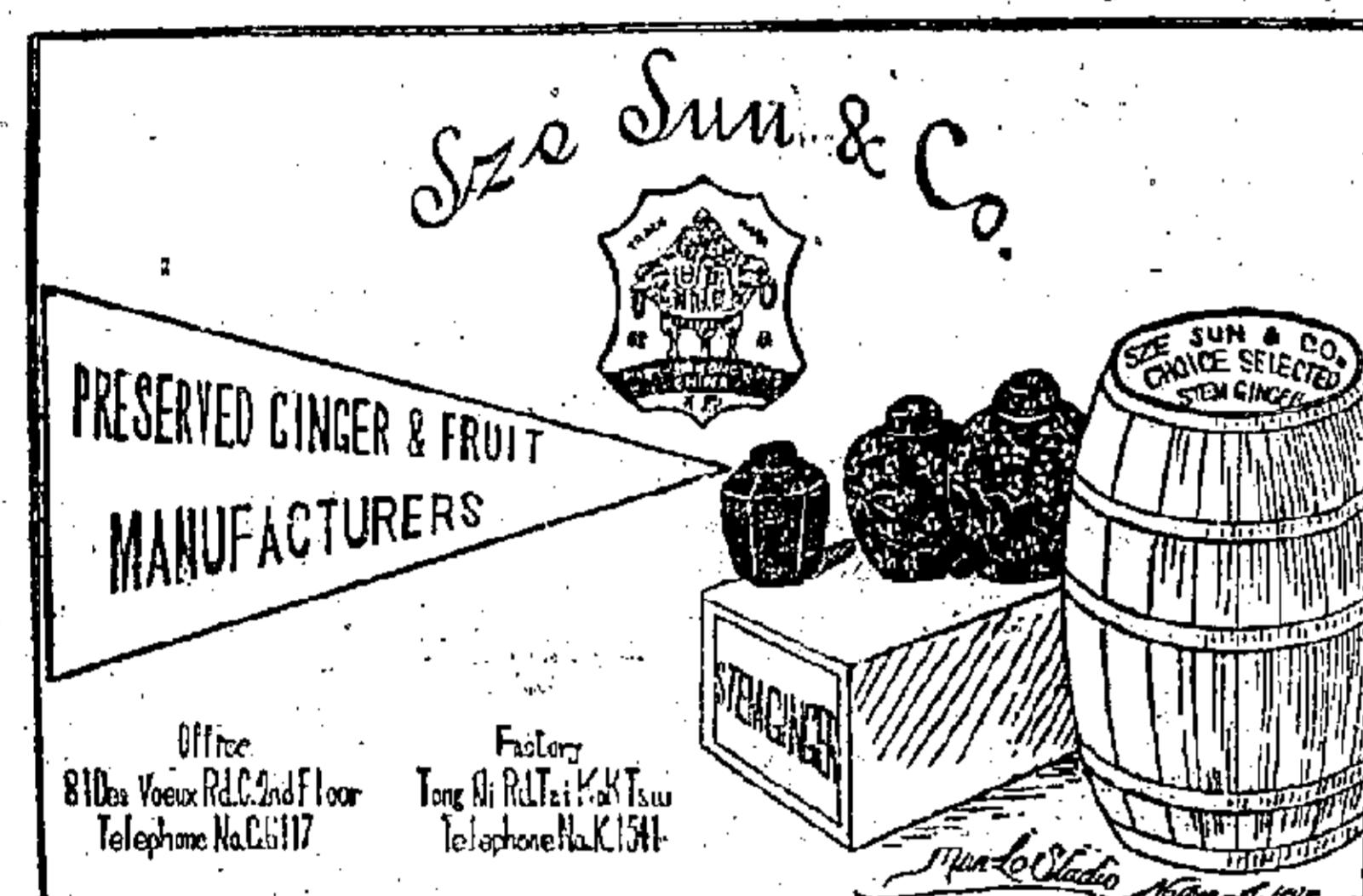
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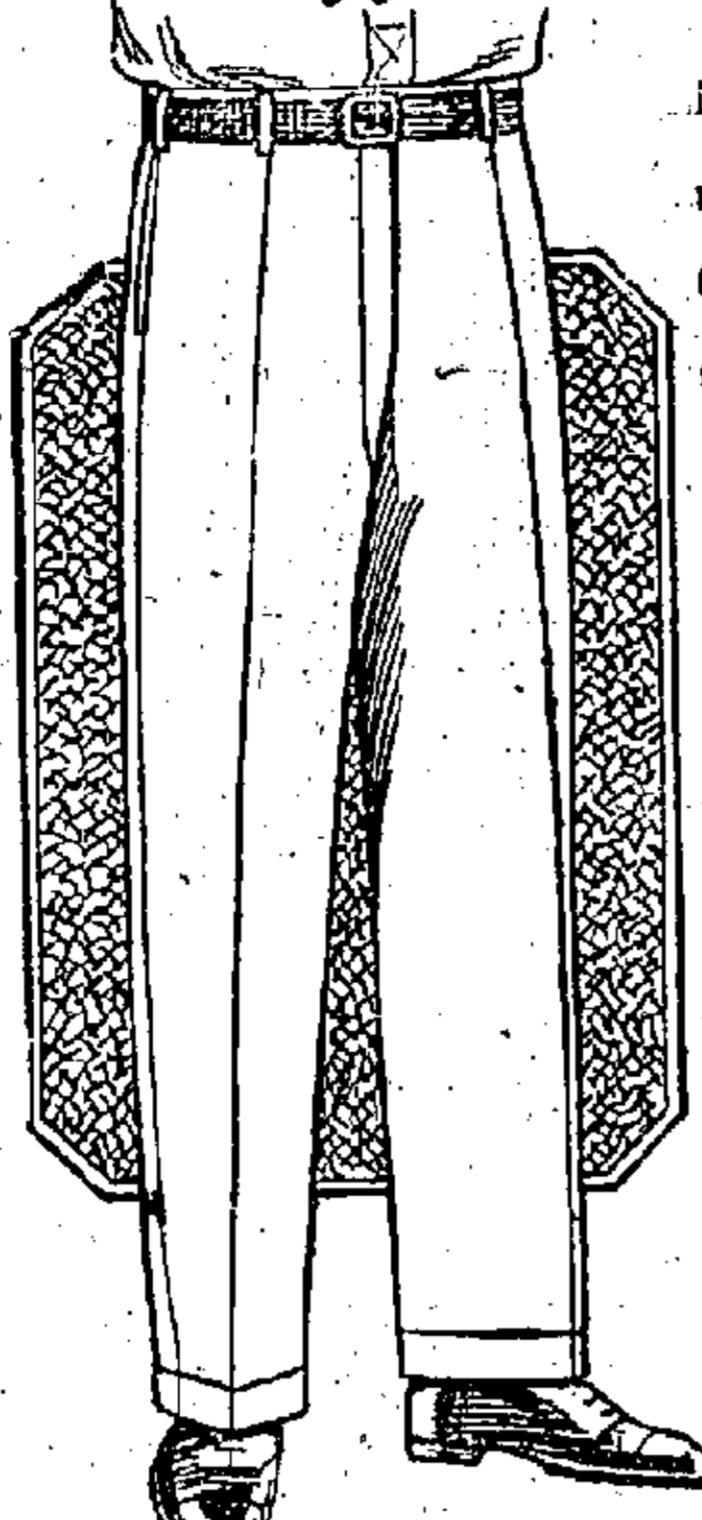
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TRADE NOT HINDERED?

In spite of the intermittent rumours of impending hostilities between Canton and the neighbouring province of Kwangsi, trade in South China does not appear to have been hindered to any extent. The Cantonese—and the Chinese in general at that—have made a name for being able to "carry on" in the face of heart-breaking obstacles. Their persistence in business has become proverbial. But even, if it is patent that whereas Kwangtung is now stoutly supporting the Central Government, and Kwangsi is known to be opposed to Nanking, the possibilities are that sane counsels will prevail. To their great credit, the present administrators of Canton, including the Chairman of the Provincial Government, General Chan Ming-shu, who is still in hospital in Hong Kong, recognise fully the weight of the burden borne by taxpayers in Kwangtung. They have gone further. Before the exit of the Kwangsi group from Canton, General Chan Ming-shu declared that he will strive might and main to lighten that grievous burden.

So far so good, we are tempted to say. And with the Kwangsi group reduced to dire straits, we are inclined to believe that it will not, to use a common phrase, "cut off its nose to spite its face." Canton has generously subsidised Kwangsi in the past, this being one of the few faults, if such, that could be laid by Cantonese against the rule of Marshal Li Chai-sum when he was down here. The Commander-in-Chief, pro tem, General Chan Chai-tong, who came to the forefront in the crisis, has seriously considered the ad-

sions, are passed by unrecognised. And if a knighthood for F. C. Toone, why not a Viscountcy for Hammond and an Earldom for Chapman? However, when knighthoods are bestowed upon comedians like Sir Harry Lauder, theatrical managers like Sir Alfred Butt, motor experts like Segrave, the famous flying brother Smith of Australia, Alcock Cobham, etc., then why not on a popular cricketer?

Mr. T. B. Mach, engineer and manager of the Kien Cheong Engineering Works, Shanghai, arrived on a business trip by the "President Pierce."

Mr. Chan Tsai-hay, chief secretary of the China Aeronautic Association, arrived by the s.s. "President Pierce," en route to Canton, as did Mr. H. Tang, district inspector of the Salt Revenue Department, Shanghai, also en route to Canton.

Mr. A. G. Hearne, manager of the Shanghai branch of the Manufacturers' Life Insurance Co., arrived on a business trip by the s.s. "President Pierce," as also Mr. W. P. Wilson, manager for China for Arkell & Douglas, Inc., of New York; Mr. A. Yusingco, jun., partner in the firm of A. Yusingco Hermanos, Hemp, Copra and Shipping Firm, of Manila, en route to the Philippines.

Passengers who embarked today in the s.s. "President Madison" included:—Dr. N. G. Cooper, a physician from Singapore, returning to Europe via the United States; Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Volway and child, returning to the United States. (Mr. Volway is connected with the Shell Oil Co.); the Rev. Lee-Shau-yan, travelling to the United States to join the Baptist Chinese Church of Sacramento, California; and Dr. W. A. McIntosh, of Bangkok, returning to the United States on furlough.

Mr. G. M. Hemsworth, traffic agent of the Canadian National Railways, left on a business trip to North China and Japan by the "President Madison."

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administrations' mines for the week ended April 6, amounted to 105,896 tons, and the sales during the period to 127,461 tons.

The annual general meeting of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, will be held in the Board room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on April 29 at 5.15 p.m.

We learn that General Chan Ming-shu, the Civil Governor of Canton, who was injured in the King Edward Hotel fire, will be sufficiently recovered to leave the Government Civil Hospital at the end of this week.

These left for Shanghai by the s.s. "President Madison" to-day:—Mr. A. Butt, manager of the Hong Kong American Trading Co.; Mr. and Mrs. Von Borch, Miss Von Borch, and Miss Bauch. Mr. Von Borch is connected with the German Consulate.

Mr. T. E. Mitchell, Far Eastern manager of the General Accident, Fire & Life Assurance Corporation, has arrived here. He will meet the Earl of Airlie, one of the Directors of the company who is accompanying the Duke of Gloucester on his visit to Japan.

Owing to the visit of the Duke of Gloucester, the General Committee meeting of the New Territories Agricultural Show to be held on April 27, has been postponed until May 11 at 2.45 p.m. at Tung Ying Ho Po (Sir Robert Ho Tung's experimental farm) at Sheungshui.

Mr. A. H. Crook, head master of Queen's College, is leaving shortly for Java to represent Hong Kong at the fourth Pan-Pacific conference of scientists. In previous years the conference has been held at Tokyo, Sydney and other great centres in the Pacific basin.

Mr. and Mrs. Sum Pak-ming left by the s.s. "President Madison" to-day on a pleasure trip to Shanghai. Mr. Sum Pak-ming is a well-known local merchant. Mr. Lee Wai-tong, well known in both local and Shanghai football circles, is also travelling to the North by the same steamer.

A raid for arms, carried out by the Police at the Chinese workmen's quarters of the Kowloon Railway, resulted in the discovery of 22 taels of illicit opium. A man and two women were charged before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday. The man was fined \$660 on his taking full responsibility, the women being discharged.

A plot of land situated at the junction of Cheung Sha Wan-road and Shek Kip Mei-street was sold to Mr. Lo Bing by auction at the Crown Land Office yesterday, for \$4,100. The parcel of land comprises 2,275 square feet and carries with it the conditions that it could not be re-sold without the consent of the Governor-in-Council, and that certain areas must be levelled at the expense of the purchaser and which must be handed over to the Government free of charge.

Completed, so that the structure should soon be finished also.

A party on inspection tour up Lan Tau found that all the doors of a house belonging to Mr. A. H. Mackenzie had been forced open, but little was stolen.

MUSICAL COMEDY

BANVARD'S THREE FAREWELL PERFORMANCES
DATES TO REMEMBER

The Banvard Musical Comedy will give three farewell performances at the Theatre Royal on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, when "Clowns in Clover," "Lido Lady," and an entirely new revue will be presented.

Theatre patrons on the Hong Kong side will now have an opportunity of seeing this very excellent Musical Company; it has been proclaimed one of the best companies which has toured the East.

We would strongly advise intending patrons to book early. As the Banvard management have decided to charge popular prices, the Theatre Royal should be filled to its capacity.

COMEDY COMPANY

"THE CUCKOO IN THE NEST"
AT THE STAR

FAREWELL PERFORMANCE

The selection of "The Cuckoo in the Nest" for the farewell performance of the Banvard English Comedy Company was a happy one. The play is always a favourite, for its spirit of light-hearted absurdity is irresistible. Though the story is not in essence particularly novel, the ludicrous situation and sparkling dialogue can never be stale when played with the zest and humour we always expect from this company.

Miss Josephine Kilfoyle in the leading role of a vivacious French girl, caught in a difficult and compromising situation, was delightfully alive and very charming to look at, while she maintained consistently her French accent.

Of Mr. Bardy Russell, who took the part of Peter Wykeham, her companion in misfortune, it need only be said that he was as funny as ever.

In a cast where all were good, special mention must be made of Mr. Reginald Tippett as the effusive clergyman of Miss Annie Chippendale as the excessively virtuous landlady, and of Mr. C. V. France as Alfred. His accent was a joy to those of the audience to whom "Zimmerzel" is a far-away but precious memory.

The large audience showed its appreciation of the excellent work that has been done by this Company. Touring the East with a large repertoire can be no easy task, but we can assure the Banvard players that their labour has not been lost. The Colony owes them thanks for some very pleasant evenings, and we feel that on their return visit they will have as full houses as ever.

TO TEACH OTHERS

PROF. BROWN'S INTERESTING LECTURE
TECHNICAL SCHOOLS

Lecturing at the Hong Kong University last night, Professor W. Brown chose as his subject "Junior Technical Schools." He outlined the usefulness to be served by such institutions and how assistance could be rendered to the country by students imparting the knowledge they gained.

Professor Brown asked how many students of the University had given the benefit of their studies to China. He thought that one out of 10,000,000 of the undergraduates of the Hong Kong University had undertaken such tasks. He knew that it would not be easy, but "It is your job."

Indian Company
A practice parade for inspection of this Company, in connection with the Royal visit of the Duke of Gloucester, will take place to-day. Fall in at the Central Police Station at 10.15 a.m. sharp. Dress on both days—White uniform, helmet belt (no frog) and truncheon.

Chinese Company
"First Aid to the Injured." Class for instruction in First Aid will be held at the Company's Headquarters to-morrow, at 5.30 p.m. sharp.

All other instructional classes and parades for this week are cancelled.

Flying Squad
The weekly instructional patrol of the Kowloon Section will take place to-day. Fall in at the Tsim-tsa-tsui Fire Brigade Station at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress—Khaki uniform.

There will be no weekly instructional patrol of the Hong Kong Sharpshooters' Company.

Revolver Practice.—Revolver practice will be carried out on Kennedy-road Range on Sunday, May 5, at 10 a.m. Members will assemble at the Range at that time, with belts and holsters with revolvers. Uniform optional.

Defendu' Class.—This will be held on Monday, May 6, at Police Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. under Sergeant R. J. Hunt. Dress—Multi.

(Sgt.) D. L. KING, A.S.P., Adjutant.

CHEUNG CHAU NOTES

From Our Own Correspondent

The big matshed theatre is gradually being dismantled; the next show will be put up by the vegetarians.

A week-end party from Canton University came over for a few days' rest.

A rare and wonderful Solar Halo was visible for about two hours lasting on till after noon.

The Chinese on the island state that it portends a big rainfall; we sincerely hope so, for the springs that are still running are a mere trickle.

The old sl. "Cheung Chau" now disports a new colour (dark blue) in the form of a flag designed on the funnel. It also has a new name (the "Sun Tai"). The "King Yik" seems to have taken herself off on business somewhere else, instead of, as before, rustling out in the harbour.

The brick walls built up between the concrete pillars of the new ticket office, are now com-

(Continued from preceding column.)



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CORRESPONDENCE.

RACING IN CANTON

(To the Editor of the "China Mail")
Sir—I had thought that the recent report of the regulations drawn up by the Canton Municipality, as appeared in the "Canton Gazette" of the 13th inst., governing the construction of a race track in Canton would have evoked an avalanche of pointed criticism from the army of followers of the Sport of King, but in the absence of any comment in the Press—I do not remember having seen any—I can only presume that the race enthusiasts here do not consider the fantastic ideas of our Canton friends too absurd to write about.

However, in the interests of the sport of horse racing I think race followers should commit their thoughts and opinions to paper in an endeavour to assist our friends up the river to form their race track and avoid the many pitfalls that await the green-horn, for I do not believe there are very many in Canton really keenly interested in horse racing, and hardly one in official circle who has even the haziest of ideas as to how a race track should be organised and maintained.

In the first place I think the authorities responsible for the framing of those regulations must have lost sight of the fact that horse racing is in no respect similar to the usual forms of gambling. On reading the rules that were published I gained the impression that this matter was treated much the same as the Faunt gambling monopoly, judging from the many really childish restrictions that it is sought to impose. To enable the sport to be developed to its fullest extent it must not be hedged around or tied down with irksome conditions. Our friends in Canton should understand that the expression "Sport of Kings" could not have been coined without some solid basis.

Promoters and officials of race clubs the world over are men prominent in their respective communities, men of good standing and repute, of impeccable character. In Hong Kong itself the list of stewards of the Jockey Club include the names of many of the leaders of Hong Kong's society, and the name of Hong Kong's Governor also appears in the race book.

One of the regulations stipulate that "in holding sweeps on the races, 80 per cent. of the gross proceeds from the sale of tickets is to be returned as prizes, 10 per cent. to be paid to the Government." This leaves 10 per cent. only with which to defray all expenses for the upkeep of the track and the organisation of the races. Anybody who has any inkling at all of how race tracks are run will know just how ridiculous this regulation appears. It is a physical impossibility to run a track on 10 per cent. only of the proceeds. But this is not all. I understand that in Canton there are many sorts of taxes which one has to pay, such as Amusement Tax, a Stamp Tax on tickets sold, and various sorts of surtaxes, etc. I doubt whether even a financial wizard would be able to make a track cover expenses under this proviso, and so long as this rule stands a race track will never materialise in Canton.

It is a universal practice the world over in race tracks to deduct at least 20 per cent. for the upkeep of the course. There need be no fear that the promoters of the race track will become millionaires if given this percentage. The expenses are really enormous, and it requires the keenest management on business lines to enable a race track to carry on even with this percentage. The return to the Government is assured in any case, but why create an unnecessary difficulty for the promoters of the race track, who, in embarking on such a project, are but catering for the needs of public recreation and contributing to the progress of reconstruction in the country.

Another article declares that races are to be held four times a year. This is, indeed, the height of absurdity. What is the idea of having an expansive race track maintained to be used only four times a year? I am afraid the Canton Municipality have made themselves the laughing stock of foreigners by this crude display of ignorance, and the best thing they can do is to pay a visit to Hong Kong or Shanghai and gain some insight into the workings of the race clubs in these two ports.

The franchise for the race course is to be for a period of 10 years. At the end of the ten years the course and all fixtures thereon are to revert to the possession of the municipal Government. The Hong Kong Jockey Club enjoys a very long lease on the land given to its use by the Government. But let us take a more recent case. The International Race and Recreation Club of Macao. The Club was given a franchise for 30 years,

and also the option to renew, with a single payment of H.K.\$6,000, plus a very reasonable percentage on the returns at the meetings. Now consider the Macao Government's end of the stick. The land on which the track is formed is part of the huge reclamation scheme. It is computed that the particular area used for the race course must have cost the Government not less than half a million dollars to reclaim. The return on this capital outlay is, as just mentioned, a payment of H.K.\$6,000 and the percentage on the race meetings. There are no restrictions on the number of meetings that may be held, and there are no regulations that in any way interfere with the management or conduct of the course.

Hankow boasts of the oldest Chinese race club in China. It has been in existence for about 30 years, and is still a very popular attraction. The Hankow International and foreign race courses are also in Chinese territory, but there is no undue interference in their operations.

Shanghai has more than three race courses, two of which are run by Chinese, and situated in Chinese territory. These tracks are also in a very healthy condition, and the frequent meetings are great attractions to the public.

Mr. Somerset Fitzroy (Assistant Attorney-General) is prosecuting and Det. Inspector W. Shannon is in charge of the case.

APRIL SESSIONS

ROBBERY CASE: OLD LADY'S DEATH

LAST TRIAL TO-MORROW

The second last case in the April Criminal Sessions came before his Honour the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Wood) and a jury at the Supreme Court this morning. The last case, concerning the alleged forgery of papers of a steam-launch, will be heard tomorrow, for which day His Lordship has fixed the passing of sentences.

There were three men and a woman in the case of robbery today (with other charges). It will be recalled that an old lady, Wong Leung Shi, one of the complainants (at Castle-road on Jan. 31), died subsequent to the affair.

One of the men, Ho San, pleaded "guilty" and sentence was deferred. Mr. Hin-shing Lo (instructed by Messrs. Lyons and Hall) is defending Cheung Fat-to. The woman (Wong Hoi) and Chung San were not legally represented.

Mr. Somerset Fitzroy (Assistant Attorney-General) is prosecuting and Det. Inspector W. Shannon is in charge of the case.

Jury Disagree
By a verdict of six to one a jury yesterday convicted Li Kui of robbery at No. 78, High-street, on Feb. 7. Mak Kwai and Au Wan were convicted by a unanimous verdict.

The last-named was defended by Mr. C. G. Alabaster, O.B.E., K.C. (instructed by Messrs. d'Almada and Mason). Mr. Somerset Fitzroy also prosecuted in this case.

His Lordship, as in earlier cases this month, deferred sentence until to-morrow.

STOLEN BLANKETS

THEFT AT MILITARY MARRIED QUARTERS

A SMART DETECTIVE

Before Major C. Willson, O.B.E., at the Central Magistracy, a Chinese was charged this morning with the theft of three blankets from the Military Married Quarters at Kennedy-road, the property of Q.M. Sergt Grossman.

Two other Chinese were also charged with receiving stolen goods.

A Chinese detective, who saw one of the men with a blanket in the street, was instrumental in bringing the trio to book. He asked him how he came by the blanket, and when no satisfactory explanation was forthcoming, he followed the case up. The result was that he traced two similar blankets in a pawnshop; from the pawnshop, he followed the scent which led him to the actual thief, and thence to the owner.

His Worship congratulated the detective on his smart work, saying that the blanket was lost only yesterday and this morning the culprits were in Court.

The man who stole the blanket was also indicted on a charge of returning from banishment before the expiry of his term. He was given nine months' hard labour and twenty strokes of the birch for this charge, and for stealing the blanket he got an additional two months' hard labour.

The two men charged with receiving stolen property were each sentenced to six weeks' hard labour.

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The opening piece will be "Il Trovatore," and will be followed by such other famous operas as "La Traviata," "Madame Butterfly," "La Tosca," "Cavalleria Rusticana," and "The Barber of Seville."

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

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NOTICE.

THE PUBLIC ARE HEREBY

NOTIFIED of the following traffic arrangements which will be enforced during the landing of H.R.H. The Duke of Gloucester on THURSDAY, the 25th inst. and the reception on the H.K. Cricket Club Ground on the 26th inst.

Connaught Road Central from Pedder Street to Jackson Road will be entirely closed from 10.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. Vehicular traffic will proceed via Des Voeux Road Central.

Queen's Road Central from Garden Road to Ice House Street will be entirely closed to vehicular traffic (except tram cars) from 11 a.m. to 12 noon. West bound traffic will be diverted by way of Murray and Chater Roads. East bound traffic from Queen's Road Central by way of Pedder Street, Chater Road and Murray Road.

No motor cars will be permitted to park in City Hall Square, Statue Square, Wardley Street and Chater Road from Statue Square to Murray Road between 10 a.m. and 12 noon.

Guests invited to attend at Queen's Pier on 25.4.29 will proceed by way of Murray Road and Connaught Road Central to the Hong Kong Club where they will alight and walk to the pier. Cars will be parked in Connaught Road Central east of the Hong Kong Club.

At the conclusion of the reception on the pier, the guests will walk to the City Hall by way of Statue Square and Wardley Street.

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CHINA COAST OFFICERS' GUILD AND MARINE ENGINEERS' GUILD OF CHINA. HONG KONG BRANCH.

A COMBINED MEETING will be held at the Guilds' Offices 67, Des Voeux Road, Central (entrance in Pottinger Street) on THURSDAY, 25th April, 1929, at 5.30 p.m. at which all Members of both Guilds are urgently requested to be present.

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THE VICKERS REPORT

The report of Vickers, Limited, the world famous British firm of Shipbuilders, Armament and Steel makers, for the year 1928 shows a further strengthening of an already strong financial position.

In cash and Government securities it holds no less than £5,415,665, an increase of over £2,000,000 compared with 1927. The floating assets amount to £8,761,378, out of an aggregate total in the balance-sheet of £21,268,040. Fixed Assets amount to £12,506,662. This includes a conservative valuation of the company's large share interests in various subsidiaries.

For instance, Preference and Ordinary shares of a nominal value of £1,899,320 in Vickers-Armstrongs, Limited, which operates the shipbuilding, armament, and special steel businesses of the combined undertakings, are valued in the balance-sheet at only £6,189,355. Preference and Ordinary shares to the par value of £3,251,150 in the Metropolitan-Carmell Carriage, Wagon, and Finance Company, which is the operating company for the railway carriage and wagon business, has a book value of £22,721,818. Shares in other subsidiary companies are entered in the balance-sheet at £3,595,493. As against liquid assets of £8,761,378, the current liabilities amount to only £4,263,854. Last year's trading profit was £1,249,214; the net profit in 1928, £939,903, against £992,985 in 1927. After placing £250,000—against £238,211—to reserve, a dividend of 8 per cent. is again paid on the Ordinary Shares, and the sum carried forward is raised from £208,772 to £217,704.

FRIDAY, 26th inst.

Reception to the Hong Kong Cricket Ground.

1.—Guests arriving from the west of Jackson Road will enter the Cricket Ground by the gate in Queen's Road Central. Guests arriving from Garden Road and from east of Murray Road will enter by the gate in Murray Road.

2.—Exit will be by gates in Queen's Road Central and Murray Road. Cars will not be allowed to approach the gate in Queen's Road Central, to pick up owners or passengers.

3.—Cars will be parked in Chater Road, Jackson Road outside Hong Kong Club, and Connaught Road near the V.R.C.

4.—Connaught Road Central east of Star Ferry and Chater Road east of Queen's Statue will be closed to vehicular traffic between 3.30 and 5 p.m. Traffic will proceed via Pedder Street and Des Voeux Road Central.

T. H. KING, Ag. Capt. Supt. of Police. Hong Kong, 23rd April, 1929.

OLYMPIA

BUILDING PURCHASED BY CHEMICAL FIRM. Olympia has been sold by the firm Olympia, Limited, to Mr. Philip E. Hill, chairman of the Covent Garden Properties Company and a director of several firms of chemists and makers of proprietary medicines. The price has not been disclosed. The new owner was to take possession on March 25, and work on the extensions to the hall, which have been in prospect for some time, was to be started immediately afterwards.

The plans for the extensions are not quite complete, but it is understood that there will be no important structural alterations and that the additions will be in keeping with the existing buildings. A large area of property on the West Kensington Gardens side will be cleared for the extensions, and the superficial space of the hall may be increased by as much as half.

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WATER CRISIS

POSITION ON THE ISLAND SERIOUS

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

From the Director of Public Works it is learned that the total storage in the island reservoirs on April 22 amounted to 362.38 million gallons, showing a decrease of 30.71 million gallons during the past week.

The week's consumption was 37.56 million gallons and included 2.10 million gallons brought across the harbour from Kowloon to the tanks on the water front and 1.33 million gallons from the Taikoo reservoirs.

On the mainland the Shing Mun River continues to yield nearly a million gallons daily.

The total storage in the mainland reservoirs on April 22 amounted to 136.81 million gallons showing a decrease of 23.20 million gallons during the past week.

The week's consumption, including supplies to water boats and Hong Kong, totalled 30.76 million gallons.

THOUSANDS HUNGRY

MOBS SCRAMBLE ON QUAY FOR BREAD

THROWN FROM U.S. SHIP

Information from Vladivostok, which reached Shanghai by roundabout channels, is to the effect that literally thousands of persons are starving in this port. What conditions in the hinterland are beyond conjecture.

A non-Russian, who managed to escape from Vladivostok and ultimately reached Harbin, wrote to a friend in Shanghai of an incident which he witnessed while in the north. An American ship captain had bought 700 loaves of bread and offered chervonetz in payment, but the authorities demanded American gold. Which currency finally was used is not related.

However, as the ship had thrown off its ropes and was slowly moving from the wharf, sailors took this bread and threw it on the quay. There was a frenzied scramble among hundreds of dock employees and hangers-on to get as much as a loaf. They fought each other and tore their comrades' clothes off in their mad desire for food.

A few of the loaves fell into the water and part of the mob jumped into the sea to retrieve them.

All the time someone on the bridge operated a cinema camera, while one who could speak Russian, shouted to officials, who had made no move during the disturbance, that inasmuch as Russia had sent reams of propaganda to America, they would take a true picture of conditions and show it to the American public.

As the ship drew away the mob still scrambled for the bread, says the "N. C. Daily News."

A LAND TRANSFER

CHINESE OBJECTIONS TO FOREIGN OWNERSHIP

Harbin, April 1.

The question of foreigners who enjoy extraterritoriality owing land in Harbin still is hanging fire. The Chinese Land Administration refuses to register the transfer of any land or property hitherto held by Russians and sold to foreigners. The Consular Body have strongly protested against such a precedent pointing out that Harbin is a treaty port just the same as other open ports in China, and, therefore, their nationals have the right to become land and property owners.

The step taken by the Chinese was on account of so many Russians, formerly well-to-do, and having land and buildings, finding it necessary to part with them, and, as foreigners, especially Japanese, offer better prices than the Chinese, they prefer to sell to the former. The authorities, on the other hand, insist that only Chinese can become new owners. This is a most important question, and, if the Chinese want foreign capital to be invested in Manchuria, they should lose no time in changing this absurd regulation.—"N. C. Daily News."

The Shanghai Zionist Association is in receipt of a cablegram from Sir Manasseh Mayer, K.B.E., of Singapore, according to which Dr. and Mrs. Ariel Benson have sailed for Shanghai and that they raised £5,000 during their stay in Singapore for the Palestine Foundation Fund. Dr. Benson is travelling as a representative of Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemet Le-Yisrael. Mrs. Benson is accompanying her husband in an unofficial capacity and doing useful work in organizing branches of the Women's International Zionist Organization. Mrs. Benson is a gifted speaker and a noted publicist, having edited for a number of years the "Canadian Jewish Chronicle."

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MONEY AND SHARES

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS

| | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------|------------------------------|---------------------|
| On London | 1/11 1/2 | T.T. on London | 1/11 1/2 |
| Bank, wire | 1/11 9/16 | T.T. on Shanghai | 79/4 |
| Bank, on demand | 1/11 9/16 | Banks | |
| Bank, 80 days' sight | | H.K. Bank | \$1230 s |
| Bank, 4 months' sight | 1/11 1/2 | H.K. London Reg. | \$1323 1/2 n |
| Credits, 4 months' | | Chartered Bank | \$19 1/2 b |
| sight | 2/— 3/2 | Mercantile A. & B. | \$238 n |
| Documentary 4 months' | 2/— 3/2 | Mercantile C. | \$15 1/2 n |
| sight | | P. & O. Bank | \$29 1/2 n |
| | | Bank of East Asia | \$300 1/2 n |
| | | Insurances | |
| | | Canton Insurance | \$695 b |
| | | Union Insurance | \$378 s 376 sa |
| | | North China Insurance | \$160 b |
| | | Yangtze Insurance | \$550 n |
| | | China Underwriters | \$2.20 s & sa |
| | | China Fire Insurance | \$290 b |
| | | H.K. Fire Insurance | \$765 b |
| | | Shipping | |
| | | Douglas | \$36 s |
| | | H.K. Steamboats | \$23 1/2 b 24 1/2 s |
| | | [24 sa] | |
| | | H.K. Tugs & Lighters | \$2.40 n |
| | | Indo-China (Pref.) | \$45 b |
| | | Indo-China (Det.) | \$70 n |
| | | Shell Transports | 98/- n |
| | | Union Water-boats | \$22 n |
| | | Mining | |
| | | Renguet | \$2 1/2 b |
| | | Kailan Mining Ad. | 66/— n |
| | | Langkata (comb.) | 714 n |
| | | Langkata (singles) | 77/— n |
| | | Shanghai Explorations | \$2.90 s |
| | | Shanghai Loans | T4 1/2 n |
| | | Raubs | \$6.65 n |
| | | Tronch Mines | 17/6 n |
| | | Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c. | |
| | | H.K. & K. Wharves | \$123 b |
| | | H.K. & W. Docks | \$36 s |
| | | China Providents | \$4.10 b |
| | | [4.05/10 sa] | |
| | | Hongkews | T178 b |
| | | New Engineers | T5.60 b |
| | | Shanghai Docks | T127 n |
| | | Cotton Mills | |
| | | Evo Cottons | T12 1/2 s |
| | | Oriental Cottons | T1.95 b |
| | | Shanghai Cottons (old) | T72 s |
| | | Shanghai Cottons (new) | T83 n |
| | | Lands, Hotels & Buildings | |
| | | H.K. & S. Hotels | \$8.70 b |
| | | H.K. Lands | \$61 1/2 /61 1/2 sa |
| | | Shanghai Lands | x r. 143 n |
| | | Humphreys' Estates | \$14.38 n |
| | | H.K. Realties | \$8.35 n |
| | | H.K. Territorials | |
| | | Prince's Buildings | |
| | | Public Utilities | |
| | | H.K. Tramways \$18 b & s | 18.30 s |
| | | Peak Trams (old) | \$12 1/2 b |
| | | Peak Trams (new) | \$6.80 n |
| | | Star Ferries | \$67 1/4 n |
| | | China Lights (comb.) | |
| | | China Lights (old) | \$13.35 b |
| | | [13.45 s & sa] | |
| | | China Lights (new) | |
| | | China Lights 1928 issue | |
| | | H.K. Electrics (old) | \$55 1/2 b |
| | | [55 1/2 /3 sa] | |
| | | H.K. Electrics (new) | |
| | | Macau Electrics | \$26 1/2 n |
| | | H.K. Telephones | \$7 b |
| | | China Buses | T13 b |
| | | Singapore Traction | 11.6/5 n |
| | | Singapore Pref. | 16/6 b |
| | | Sandakan Lts. | \$2 1/2 s |
| | | Industrials | |
| | | China Sugars | \$1 n |
| | | Malabon Sugars | \$27 b |
| | | Canton Ices | \$1 1/2 b 1.90 s |
| | | Cements (comb.) | \$8 1/2 b 8.60 s |
| | | [8 1/2 sa] | |
| | | Cements (old) | \$7.80 n |
| | | Cements (new) | \$1.40 b |
| | | H.K. Ropes (old) | \$7 s |
| | | H.K. Ropes (new) | |
| | | United Asbestos | \$4 b |
| | | Stores, &c. | |
| | | Dairy Farms | \$19 1/2 s |
| | | Watsons | \$12.20 n |
| | | Der A. Wings | 80 cts. b |
| | | Lane, Crawfords | \$2 s |
| | | Mackintosh | \$18 b |
| | | Sincleres | \$12 b |
| | | Wm. Powells | \$8.65 n |
| | | Miscellaneous | |
| | | H.K. Amusements | \$29 b |
| | | Hong Kong Constructions | \$1 1/4 s |
| | | B. Ind. G.S. Bond | 66 1/2 % b |
| | | H.K. Govt. Loans | 7 1/2 % b Prem. |

SINCLAIR'S FIGHT

APPLICATION FOR RE-HEARING OF CASE

Washington, April 17.

Mr. Harry F. Sinclair, multi-millionaire petroleum producer sentenced to gaol for contempt because of his refusal to testify before the Senate Committee investigating the oil scandals during Harding Administration, filed a request to-day with the Supreme Court of the United States for a re-hearing of this case.

Sinclair's lawyers alleged technical errors in procedure following the action of the Supreme Court early this month in upholding the gaol sentence imposed on the oil magnate by the lower courts.—United Press.

News has been received in Japan of the death of Mr. Otis A. Poole, who passed away suddenly on April 1, at the age of 80, at Berkeley, California. Mr. Poole first came to the Far East with Messrs. E. A. Shoyer & Co., with whom he was connected for two years in Amoy, later going to Yokohama in 1888 with Messrs. Smith, Barker & Co.

In the meantime he was with Messrs. Poole went with them and engaged in the trade as an independent buyer and shipper. Mr. Poole was well-known for his large library at Shidzuoka, the enjoyment of which he generously shared with his friends there. He retired from active business in 1926 and went to live in Berkeley, California, where he remained up to the time of his death. He is survived by two sons, Mr. H. A. Poole of Yokohama, and Mr. O. M. Poole, of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., now in New York; and a daughter, Mrs. N. G. Maitland, at present in London. Mr. Otis A. Poole was born at Beloit, Wisconsin.

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Sport Columns

GOLF**ENGLISH AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP MEETING****COUNTY RESULTS**

London, Yesterday.
The English Amateur Golf Championship meeting opened at Gosforth Park, Newcastle, with a stroke-play competition over 36 holes for team honours, four players representing each county.

Twelve counties competed.

Result:
Lancashire 631
Yorkshire 634
Cheshire 636
Warwickshire (holders) 637
Durham 648
Surrey 649

The amateur record for the course was twice broken—firstly, by T. Perkins (Warwickshire) who went round in the morning in 70; and secondly, by G. Henriquez (Lancashire) with 69 late in the day.

Professional's Feat

A. L. Espinosa, one of the members of the American Ryder Cup team, went round Moortown course, Leeds, where the Ryder Cup will be played on April 26, 66—a record for the course.

He also secured the distinction of being the first leading American professional to achieve the hole in one stroke—this was done at the sixth hole, measuring 224 yards.

Challenge Matches

Arrangements have been completed for golf challenge matches between Walter Hagen and Archie Compson—first at Moor Park, Rickmansworth, on May 31; and second at Blackwell, Birmingham, on June 1.

Should each win once a third game will probably be arranged.—Reuter.

MR. T. L. WONG**POPULAR LOCAL JOCKEY LEAVING**

Mr. T. L. Wong, a popular local jockey, who had piloted many winners, left for Shanghai this morning by the "President Madison".

A farewell dinner was held in his honour last night at the Sports Club, and tributes were paid to him by Mr. H. H. Priestley and other racing enthusiasts.

Tennis Star

Here is Miss C. Aussem, German tennis star, ready to hand out the balls for the international tennis tournament at Denon, for the Cup of Nations.

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A KNIGHTHOOD**FOR MR. FREDERICK CHARLES TOONE****M.C.C.'S MANAGER**

London, Yesterday.

A knighthood has been conferred on Mr. Frederick Charles Toone, the manager of Marylebone's test team on the recent Australian tour.—Reuter.

The new knight, who was born at Leicester in 1868, is the well-known secretary of the Yorkshire County Cricket Club, a post he has occupied since 1903. He was manager of the English cricket teams to Australia 1920-21, 1924-25, and 1928-29. He played rugby football for Leicester, won the 100 Amateur Championship of Leicestershire 1898 and 1899; officiated as handicapper of the A.A.A. and N.C.U., and has captained several cricket and football teams. Sir Frederick has also published the Yorkshire Cricket Club Annual Book.]

LAWN TENNIS**FULL LIST OF MIXED DOUBLES FIXTURES****COMMENCING IN JUNE**

Six teams have entered the Lawn tennis mixed doubles League, which commences in June. The teams are the Ladies' Recreation Club, the Kowloon Bowling Green Club, the Club de Recreio, Hong Kong University Union, Kowloon C.C. and the Chinese C.C. The home matches of the Ladies' Recreation Club will be played on the Chinese R.C. ground at Causeway Bay.

The following is a full list of League fixtures:

June 5

L.R.C. v. K.B.G.C.

C. de R. v. H.K.U.U.

K.C.C. v. C.R.C.

June 12

C.R.C. v. L.R.C.

K.B.G.C. v. H.K.U.U.

C. de R. v. K.C.C.

June 19

L.R.C. v. K.C.C.

K.B.G.C. v. C. de R.

H.K.U.U. v. C.R.C.

June 26

C. de R. v. L.R.C.

C.R.C. v. K.B.G.C.

K.C.C. v. H.K.U.U.

July 3

H.K.U.U. v. L.R.C.

K.B.G.C. v. K.C.C.

C.R.C. v. C. de R.

LAWN BOWLS**SHANGHAI'S DEFEAT OF HONG KONG RINK**

The annual general meeting of the Shanghai Lawn Bowls Club was held last Thursday and resulted in the election of the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Mr. F. Fletcher; Vice-Pres., Mr. F. Large, Captain, Mr. James Munro, secretary, Mr. T. W. Mitchell, and treasurer Mr. A. Kendal Ward.

In the course of his speech the outgoing President, Mr. W. A. Turnbull, said:

Shanghai was favoured last year with a visit from the Hong Kong Interport team who successfully defeated the team selected by our Association to represent Shanghai in the Interport Match in the last end. Although the team which met our Club in the usual match played by the visiting Interport team was not composed entirely of the same players who played in the interport match, still I think it is a matter for congratulation that we came out victors in the match with them by the remarkable score of 35 to 8.

HOME FOOTBALL**SURPRISE FOR QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS****DUNDEE GAIN POINT**

London, Yesterday. Four matches in the various Leagues were played to-day, but those in the First and Second Divisions of the English League were unimportant.

In the Third Division the leaders, Queen's Park Rangers, were beaten by three goals to one by Norwich, to whom the two points will be most valuable.

Dundee could only draw at Parsley with St. Mirren and get out of the relegation wood. Thus Third Lanark and Raith Rovers will go down to the Second Division next season.

Results:

ENGLISH LEAGUE**First Division**

Arsenal 2, Everton 0.

Second Division

Hull 4, Millwall 0.

Third Division (South)

Norwich 3, Queen's Park Rangers 1.

Scottish League

St. Mirren 2, Dundee 2.

LEAGUE TABLES**First Division**

P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.

Wednesday 40 21 9 10 67 51

Aston Villa 40 32 4 14 94 48

Leicester 40 29 8 12 89 45

Sunderland 40 19 7 14 89 70

Derby 40 18 9 13 82 66

Liverpool 40 17 10 13 88 61

Arsenal 39 15 12 12 75

M'chester C. 40 17 8 15 91 86

Blackburn 39 16 9 14 69

Leeds 38 16 8 14 58

Newcastle 40 17 6 17 66

Everton 41 18 4 19 62

West Ham 40 15 8 17 84

M'chester U. 40 13 12 15 62

Bolton 39 13 11 15 66

Sheffield U. 40 13 11 16 79

Birmingham 40 13 10 17 64

Huddersf. 39 13 9 17 66

Burnley 39 15 6 19 70

Porlmouth 40 15 6 20 54

Bury 39 12 6 21 53

Cardif. 41 8 11 21 58

Second Division

P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.

Grimsby 39 23 5 11 79

Middlesb. 40 20 11 9 88

Notts. Cnty. 41 19 9 13 78

Southampton 40 16 14 10 70

Bradford 39 20 4 15 84

West Brom. 40 18 8 14 77

Stoke 40 16 11 13 67

Blackpool 40 18 6 16 55

Tottenham 40 16 8 16 71

Millwall 40 16 7 17 71

Notts. Forest 40 13 12 15 67

Preston N.E. 40 15 8 17 74

Hull 40 12 14 14 67

Wolves 40 15 7 18 76

Reading 40 14 9 17 68

Brighton C. 40 14 11 17 55

Swansea 40 13 10 17 62

Oldham 40 15 5 20 69

Barnsley 40 14 6 22 68

Port Vale 40 14 6 22 68

Clapton O. 40 11 8 27 41

Division III. (South)

P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.

Queen's P.R. 40 19 12 9 81

Northampton 40 19 11 10 92

Crystal Pal. 38 20 8 10 75

Luton 39 19 10 10 86

Charlton 38 20 8 11 81

Fulham 40 19 10 11 97

Watford 38 19 8 11 78

Plymouth 39 17 12 10 77

Bournemouth 38 17 9 13 77

Southend 40 14 15 15 74

Oxford 40 14 12 14 61

Brentford 39 14 10 15 65

Walsall 39 13 12 14 66

Swindon 38 13 11 14 66

Newport 39 13 8 13 64

Brighton 39 13 6 19 54

Bristol R. 39 13 6 20 58

Torquay 38 12 5 21 61

Exeter 40 9 11 20 66

Merthyr 40 8 8 22 52

Norwich 39 12 5 22 58

WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES.

World Girdlers at White House



Here's a couple of globe walkers, who have already covered 9,000 miles of their 30,000 mile trip. They are Zundel (left) and Nathan Rubin of Lithuania, making a call at the White House to pay their respects to President Hoover.

"Heroine" of Juarez



In Charge of Kuomintang Affairs



A group of members of the Central Executive Committee of the Nationalist Party elected at the Third Plenary Congress. This photograph was taken at Nanking on the occasion of the formal inauguration of the members, many of whom are leading Government and Kuomintang officials.—(C. H. Wong Studio).

Legation Liquor Seized



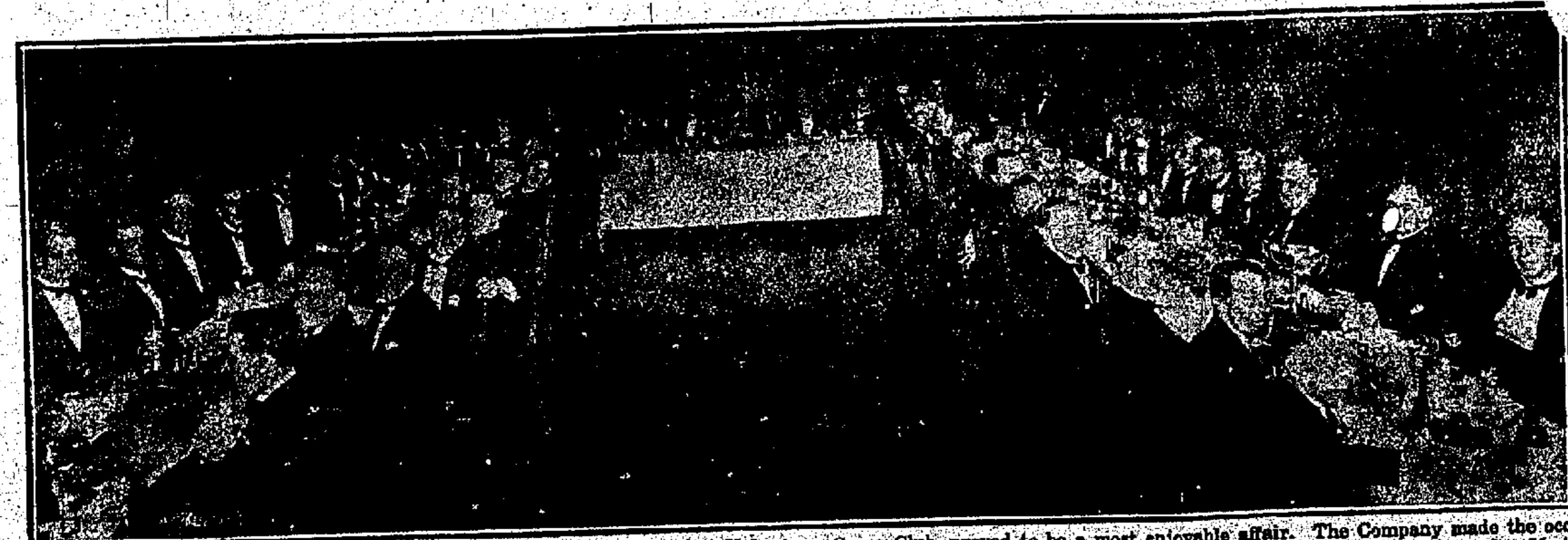
This five-ton truck loaded with choice and rare liquors was allowed to deliver its precious cargo to the Siamese legation at Washington, but the driver and a member of the Legation staff are being held in \$500 bail under the new Jones law.

Legion of Honour



As a reward for her relief work among French troops during the War, Miss Gertrude Robinson of New York has been elected to the Legion of Honour of France.

20 Years A Volunteer



The annual dinner of 'A' Company, S.V.C. held at the Shanghai Volunteer Corps Club, proved to be a most enjoyable affair. The Company made the occasion also of a farewell presentation to Sergeant-Major F. E. Hodges, who is retiring from China in the near future after 20 years' service in the unit. Major M. Reader Harris, O.C., presided and many guests were present.—(Ah Fong).

Gems Worth \$250,000



Purser Roger A. Rawlin (below) of the s.s. "Paris" will return to Gamma Walska this package containing her \$250,000 gems which to Gamma Walska this package containing her \$250,000 gems which Customs officials seized when the diva arrived in America several months ago. The jewels were impounded pending decision whether their owner is an American citizen and should pay duty on them. Miss Walska, shown above with her husband, Harold McCormick, is sailing on the "Paris" for her permanent home in France and when the liner is at sea the purser will hand the package over to her.

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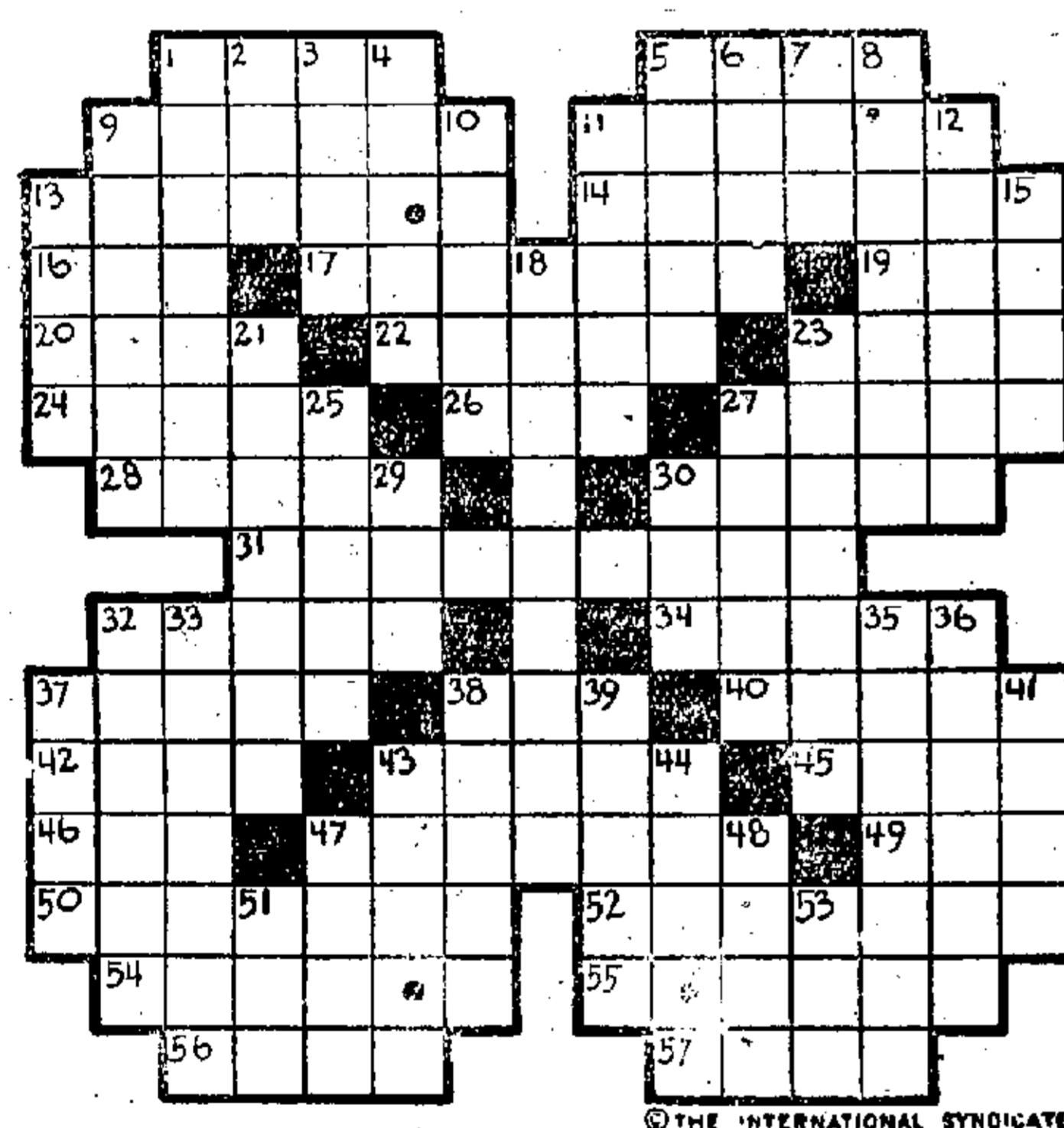
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

- 1-Rick
- 5-Serpent (pl.)
- 8-Burdened
- 11-Necessitate
- 13-A comrade
- 14-Made to correspond
- 16-Lick up
- 17-Viscous substance
- 20-At a distance
- 22-Rodent (pl.)
- 23-Plunge
- 24-Fathers (French)
- 26-Put on
- 27-Restore
- 28-Prepare afresh
- 31-Evenly
- 32-Apportions
- 33-Fruits of the pine
- 33-Nothing
- 40-Small pieces
- 42-Witches
- 43-A pair of slippers
- 45-Increase
- 46-Prefix. Back
- 47-Old-time warship

VERTICAL

- 1-Horizontal
- 49-Latin for "thus"
- 50-Feasts
- 52-Number
- 54-Decline
- 55-Force in operation
- 56-In the mark "let it stand"
- 57-Mineral products
- 1-Move one thing by another
- 2-Knock
- 3-Fifteenth of March, Roman calendar
- 4-Tree
- 6-American mountains
- 8-Be preminent
- 9-Julp of fruit
- 10-Sedition
- 11-Apprehensive terror
- 12-Flat parts of plants
- 13-Clapping
- 14-Appalled
- 15-Attracted
- 16-Exasperating
- 21-Diaproves

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

| | | | | | | | |
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| G | I | S | T | E | T | N | A |
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| R | A | U | L | E | P | L | E |
| E | G | R | E | S | U | L | Y |
| B | A | N | A | T | D | O | R |
| U | D | A | L | M | E | F | O |
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TO-DAY'S RADIO
BROADCAST BY Z. B. W.
ON 350 METRES

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Government Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on 350 metres.

5.30-6.30 p.m.—Programme of Chinese Music.

7 p.m.—An address to Englishmen by The Hon. W. E. L. Shenton, President of the Society of St. George followed by telegrams of greeting received from kindred societies in various parts of the world.

7.45 p.m.—Evening weather report.

8 p.m.—A Concert, Relayed from the Lee Theatre given by the Society. (Programme already published in "China Mail".)

God Save The King.

10.30 p.m.—(Approx) close down.

RADIO NEWS
JOURNALISTS' RADIO PRESS ASSOCIATION

Washington, April 17. The Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, to-day, denied the application of the National Radio Press Association for an injunction to restrain the Federal Radio Commission from assigning news radio channels to the press associations and newspapers of the country.

Mr. Justice Bailey, in giving the Court's decision, declared the Court does not believe the plaintiff can be called a press association in the regular sense of the word.

The National Radio Press Association, headed by Mr. Charles A. Sloan, formerly of Shanghai, had applied for an injunction to prevent the assigning of radio channels to the regular American press associations and newspapers on the grounds the organisation proposed a regular radio broadcast of news to supplement newspapers. — United Press.

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NANKING OBJECTS
FRENCH RADIO STATION IN SHANGHAI
Nanking, April 18.

In a ministerial order to the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs for Kiangsu, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs instructs that a strong protest be lodged with the French Consul-General in Shanghai, against the despatching and receiving of commercial messages by the French (Koukaza) Radio Station. The order points out that the operation of the French Radio Station in Shanghai for commercial purposes constitutes a violation of International Conventions.—"Kuo Min."

Checks on Chief Justice


Helen Terwilliger, 13-year-old school girl, of Walden, N.Y., listening in on the radio, Inauguration Day, caught Chief Justice William Howard Taft misquoting the oath of office when he swore in Herbert Hoover as President. Miss. Terwilliger says that Chief Justice Taft said "Preserve, maintain and defend" and not "preserve, protect and defend," as mentioned in the constitution. Talking reeks of the act verify the child's wording.

KING ENTHUSIASTIC
AN EARLY ATTRACTION AND A PLEASURE

Bognor, Sussex, March 23.

One of King George's hobbies is his wireless receiving set. It is said that it was one of the things he missed most during the long months of his illness. When he came to Craigwell House, here, to recover his strength before convalescing, he brought his set with him, and now he spends a great deal of his time listening-in to the different stations.

The King uses a four-valve set, which necessarily is very selective, in order to cut out Morse interference from the Channel and jamming from the Paris broadcasting stations. The set is generally tuned in to 6 XX at Daventry.

King George—has been a radio listener since the early days. He had an elaborate set installed at Buckingham Palace some years ago, and, of course, he has broadcast on several notable occasions.—United Press.

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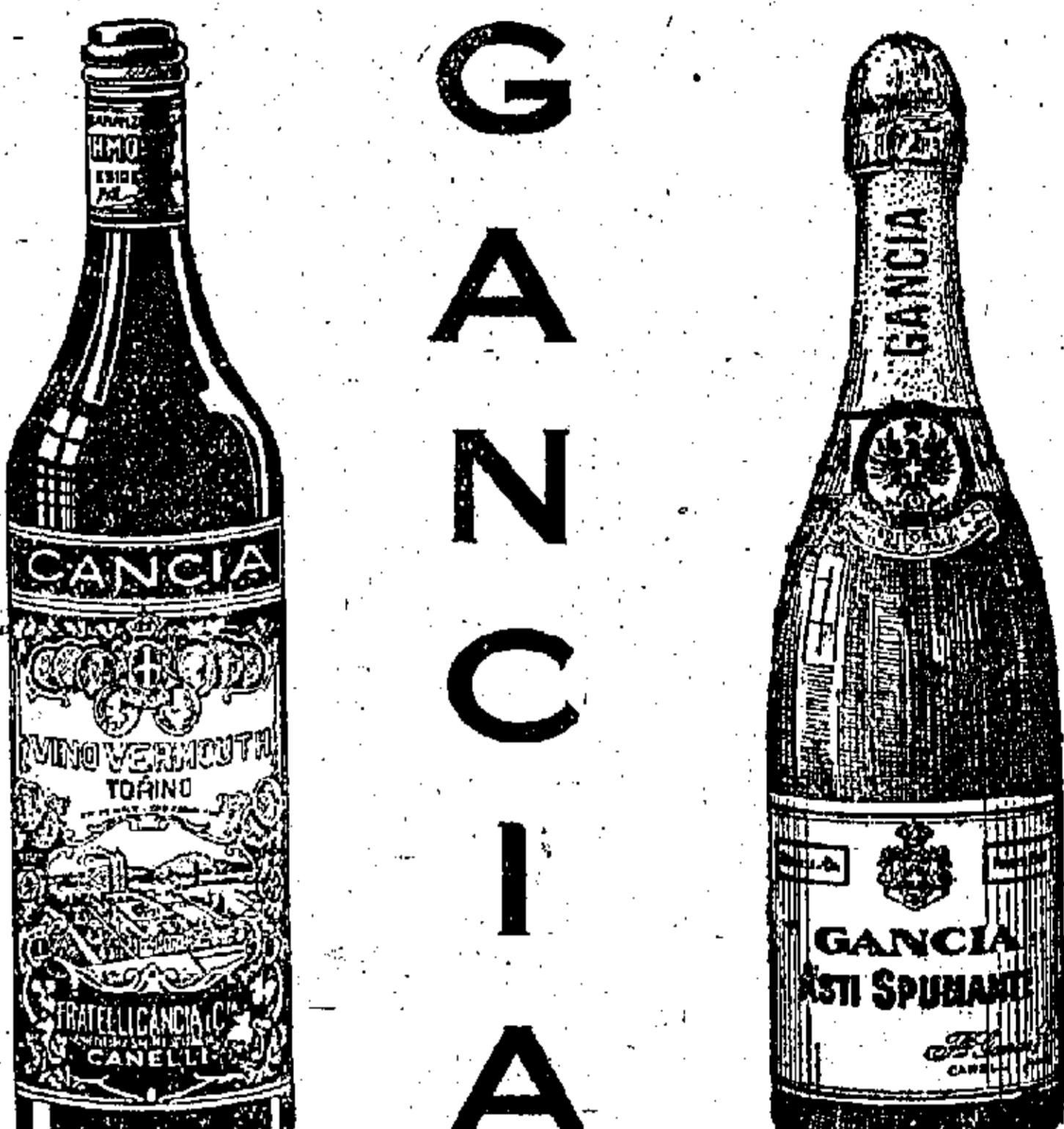
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| Amoy | Tilawa | |
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| From | To | Per |
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| TUESDAY, APRIL 23. | | |
| Straits, Ceylon, Indian Mauritius, L Marques, E. & S. Africa | La Plata Maru | 3.30 p.m. |
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| Manila | President Pierce | 4.30 p.m. |
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| Saigon | Shun Chih | 5 p.m. |
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| Bangkok | Halldor | 8.30 a.m. |
| Hoiohow and Haiphong | Tean | 9.30 a.m. |
| Java via Batavia | Tjikarang | 2.30 p.m. |
| THURSDAY, APRIL 25. | | |
| Hoiohow | Kwangtung | 8.30 a.m. |
| Hoiohow and Haiphong | Menado Maru | 8.30 a.m. |
| Salgon | Hanyang | 10.30 a.m. |
| Straits | Van Heutz | 10.30 a.m. |
| Amoy | Chengtu | 1.30 p.m. |
| Swatow | Hydrangea | 2.30 p.m. |
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| | Letters | 1.30 p.m. |
| | Hosang | 5 p.m. |

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

DESERT TRAGEDY

MISSING AIRMAN BELIEVED TO BE BURIED

LUCKY FIND

Sydney, Yesterday. Apparently it was only by the purest chance that Mr. Brain, the pilot of the plane "Atlanta," found Lieut. Keith Anderson's plane Kookaburra.

The latter landed nearly 200 miles north of its direct course from Alice Springs to Wyndham. Brain passed over the spot solely because he happened to be on his course to Wave Hill, where he was going to join the search party, when smoke from a recent fire drew his attention.

Brain noticed a short runway was cleared near the Kookaburra, indicating that the airmen had tried to resume their flight.

Six aeroplanes are now intensively searching for the missing airmen in the vicinity of the Kookaburra.

Brain's Views

Sydney, Yesterday. The air pilot, Brain, again flew low above Kookaburra, and says he saw what appeared to be a mound near an exposed body under the wing of a machine. He suggests that the other airmen was roughly buried.—Reuter.

REPARATIONS

HOW GERMANY REGARDS THE QUESTION

A MEMORANDUM

Paris, Yesterday. The German Memorandum states that if Germany is to assume the payments enumerated in the plan submitted by Dr. Schacht, without further increasing her foreign debt, she should be permitted to "recreate overseas sources of raw materials exclusively to herself."

The Memorandum also refers to Germany's loss of territory to the east. It adds that the separation of a whole province from the rest of the Reich has so seriously affected the prosperity of this province, that the Reich is obliged regularly to subsidise it; "Consequently it will be necessary to agree to measures with a view to dealing with these unfavourable conditions which are reducing Germany's capacity to pay."

The Havas diplomatic correspondent comments that evidently the Germans wish to demand full sovereignty of the Reich over ex-German colonies, and also the Danzig corridor and Upper Silesia.—Reuter.

CAPT. LANCASTER

WELL-KNOWN FLYER IN HOSPITAL

CONDITION SERIOUS

New York, Yesterday. Captain Lancaster, who crashed three weeks ago at Port of Spain in a flight across the Caribbean, and suffered internal injuries, has arrived on a liner in which he was operated upon the day after he left Barbados.

He has gone to hospital here, and his condition is serious.

Captain Lancaster's most spectacular flight was to Australia, accompanied by Mrs. Keith Miller.—Reuter's American Service.

PUBLIC INSECURITY IN AMERICA

HOOVER'S VIEWS

SAYS "LIFE AND PROPERTY LESS SAFE" IN AMERICA

NEED FOR ENFORCEMENT

New York, Yesterday. A scathing indictment with reference to public insecurity in the United States was made by Pres. Hoover in a speech at a luncheon of the Associated Press.

He declared that life and property in the United States were less safe than in any other country in the world.

There were 9,000 murders yearly in the Union and arrests made were only in half of the cases and less than one sixth of the cases of the slayers were convicted compared with Great Britain.

Pres. Hoover admitted that prohibition had increased the volume of crime but that out of the total number of felonies last year under 8 per cent. involved the 18th amendment.

Two immediate problems of the Government were to investigate the existing agencies and the enforcement of the law and to reorganise a system of enforcement.—Reuter's American Service.

U.S. AGRICULTURE

PRESIDENT OPPOSED TO A SUBSIDY

"BAD AND UNWORKABLE"

Washington, Yesterday.

President Hoover has written to Mr. McNary, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, declaring that the Export Debenture plan to assist farmers is bad and unworkable. He believes it would create profiteering, with resultant disaster to the farmer himself.

Mr. A. Mellon, Secretary to the Treasury, has also written to the Committee declaring that the proposed debenture is indistinguishable from a cash bounty on exports. It is hardly to be assumed that foreign countries with important agricultural interests to protect will permit their producers to be subjected to a price war subsidised from the United States Treasury, without adopting protective measures.—Reuter's American Service.

TORNADO IN U.S.A.

HEAVY LOSS OF LIFE AND PROPERTY

TWENTY-SIX DEATHS

Little Rock, Ark., Yesterday. Thirteen people were killed and four injured in a tornado here. Most of the dead are negroes, but one white child had its back broken, and died.

Later.

Altogether there are 26 deaths as a result of the storms in Arkansas this week-end.—Reuter.

BIG HURRICANE

WIDESPREAD TOLL THROUGH OUT JAPAN

HEAVY CASUALTIES FEARED

Tokyo, Yesterday.

A violent hurricane which swept over almost the whole of Japan yesterday left a widespread toll of death and damage in its wake.

Reports from various parts of the country indicate that numerous houses were wholly or partially destroyed. A number of fishing and other small craft were sunk, or are missing.

The casualties include several drowned at sea and several killed or injured on land.

Naval Ratings Missing

Later.

The toll of lives lost in the destruction wrought by yesterday's hurricane continues to mount.

Two Naval planes, carrying a crew of four belonging to the aircraft-carrier Akagi, are officially reported missing in a storm during practice off the Korean coast. Three bluejackets have been washed overboard from destroyers, and are feared drowned.

The north-western coast of Japan appears to have suffered worst, especially Niigata. Belated reports from that point indicate that several hundred houses have been completely demolished, and about three hundred seriously damaged. There are eight known dead and 70 injured. The property loss is estimated to exceed Y.1,000,000.

In addition to other factors, the winds fanned disastrous conflagrations in two northern towns, resulting in four deaths, and destruction of 60 buildings.

The loss of life at sea, where many fishing boats are still missing is not yet certain, but it is feared it may be heavy.

DISARMAMENT

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willingness to carry further the principle of reduction of which the foundation had tentatively been laid and were anxious to promote it to its fullest possible extent.

Equivalent Values

A very important matter laid down by Mr. Gibson was that of arriving at some system of equivalent values, based upon other factors besides mere tonnage, such as speed. He (Lord Cushenden) did not like to say very much upon that point until he had further information, but he entirely agreed that it was along those lines the problem ought to be investigated. He thought the British Government had also, to some extent, been investigating the possibility of arriving at equivalent values, taking into account other factors besides tonnage; but obviously this was a matter which was extremely technical and which the British Government would only examine in conjunction with expert advice. He was, however, quite certain that any suggestion of this sort by the United States and any information as to their study of this subject would be most carefully and, in the most friendly spirit, examined and considered by the British Government.

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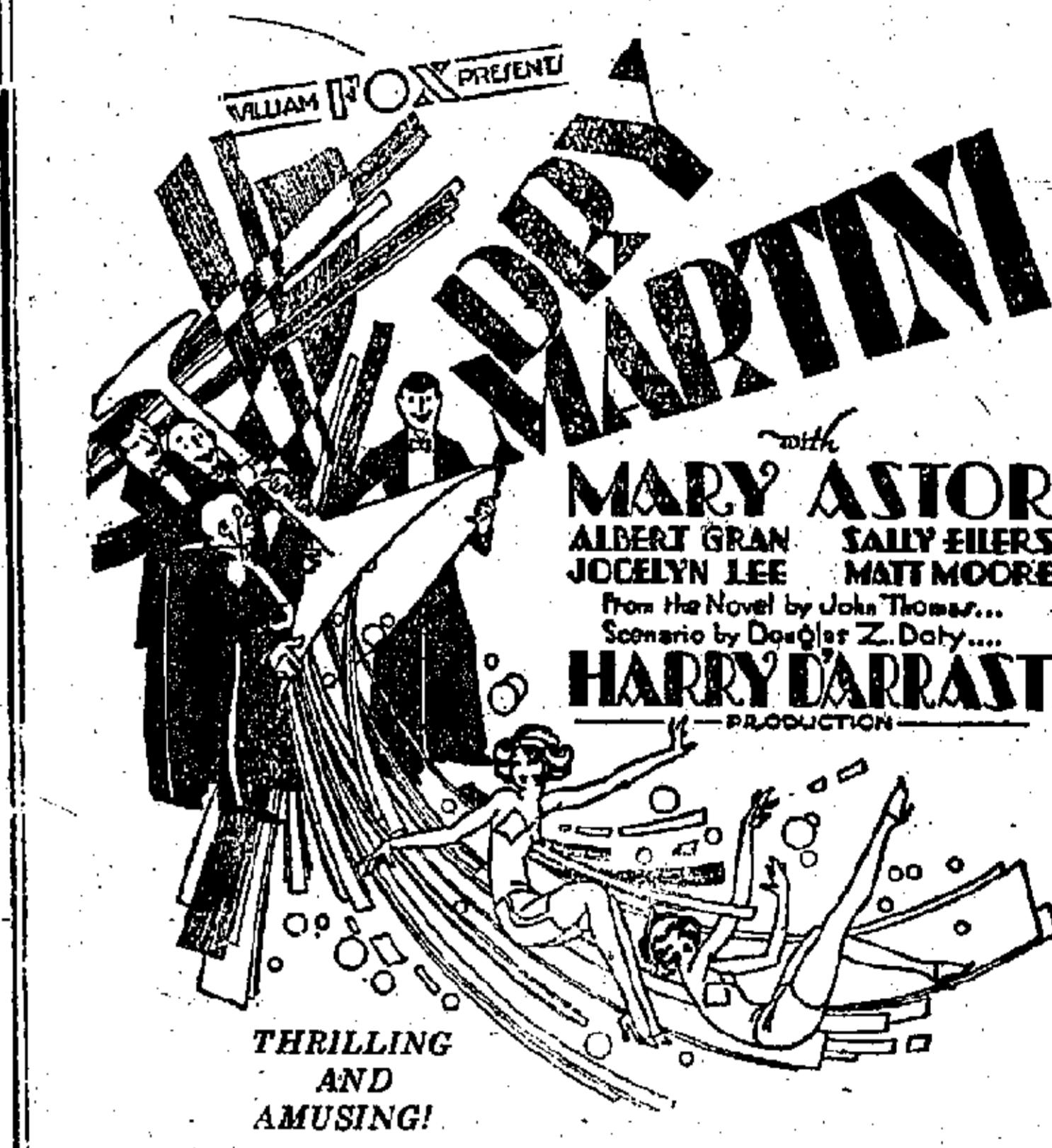
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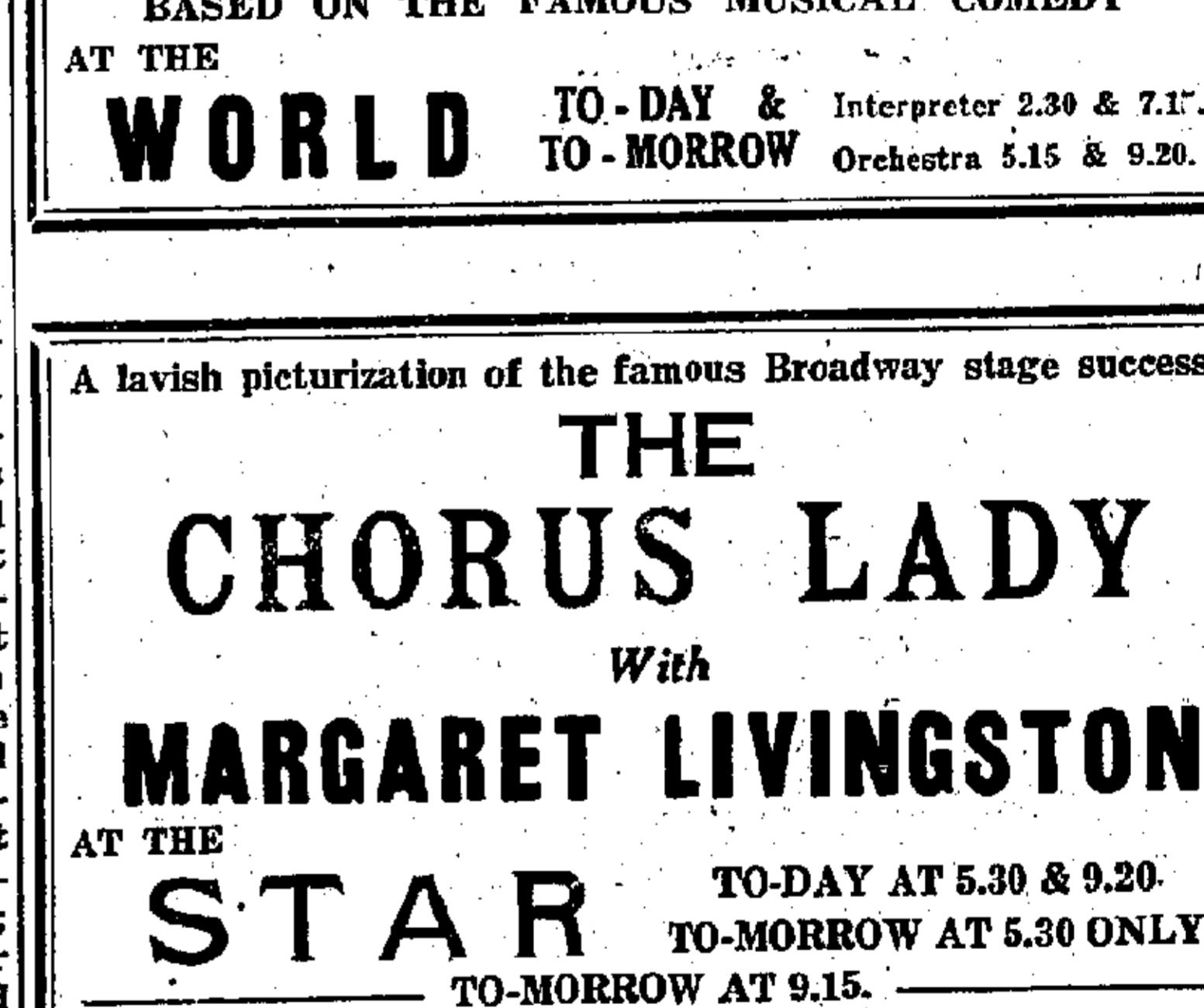
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